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SUBJECT: REMOVAL OF DEPENDENTS

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1. THE MOST RECENT WAVE OF FIGHTING IN LUANDA IS SIMILAR TO THE EARLIER ROUNDS; NOBODY KNOWS WHO STARTED THE SHOOTING OR WHY. A NEW ELEMENT HAS BEEN INTRODUCED, HOWEVER, ONE THAT POINTS TO A HIGHER LEVEL OF DANGER FOR AMERICAN CITIZENS. FOR THE FIRST TIME THE SHOOTING MOVED INTO THE AREA WHERE AMERICANS LIVE. THE TARGET WAS A HOUSE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD OCCUPIED BY THE FNLA, WHICH CAME UNDER ATTACK FROM MPLA ELEMENTS.

2. ON APRIL 30 I TALKED WITH THE MANAGERS OF THE AMERICAN FIRMS THAT EITHER HAD MADE NO PROVISION TO REMOVE DEPENDENTS OR WERE THINKING OF GETTING THEM OUT LATER IN THE YEAR. I POINTED OUT THAT THE DANGER TO AMERICAN CITIZENS HAD INCREASED AND URGED THEM TO RECONSIDER THEIR PLANS. THE SITUATION IS NOT YET ONE THAT REQUIRES MANDATORY EVACUATION, BUT THE RISK IS UP AND I TOLD THE MANAGERS THEY SHOULD TALK TO THEIR PEOPLE ABOUT REMOVAL TO A SAFEHAVEN. MANY DEPENDENTS ARE LOATHE TO LEAVE AS THEY HAVE HEARD THE COMPLAINTS OF THE GULF OIL COMPANY DEPENDENTS WHO WERE MANDATORILY EVACUATED TO SOUTH AFRICA LAST NOVEMBER. OTHERS WANT TO SAY NO MATTER WHAT.

3. TEXACO HAS TWO DIVISIONS HERE, EXPLORATION AND SALES,

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AND BOTH HAVE RECOMMENDED TO THEIR HEADQUARTERS REMOVAL

OF DEPENDENTS IN OCTOBER WHEN THEY EXPECT THE HIGHEST
LEVELS OF VIOLENCE. I URGED THEM TO RECONSIDER THIS TIMETABLE.
THE MANAGERS OF AMOCO AND SUN OIL HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO DO AS
THEY SEE FIT AND I SUGGESTED THEY DEVISE A PLAN THAT AT THE VERY
LATEST WOULD ALLOW DEPENDENTS WHO WANTED TO LEAVE TO DO SO.
I EXPLAINED TO ALL THE RECOMMENDATION I HAD MADE TO THE DEPARTMENT
THAT DEPENDENTS OF USG EMPLOYEES BE AUTHORIZED TO LEAVE POST
AT THEIR DISCRETION.
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